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Draft report

Addendum

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II. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995

Section 22B. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

1. At its 21st meeting, on 12 October 1993, the Committee considered section 22B of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

Discussion

2. A number of delegations endorsed the activities of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

3. One delegation endorsed paragraph 22B.1 of section 22B of the proposed programme budget and concurred with the observation that at the time of the preparation of these budget estimates, no political settlement had been reached in respect of the Palestine refugees, and that therefore it had been assumed that the programme would be continued during the biennium 1994-1995. The same delegation noted that while the refugee population was estimated to increase at a rate of 3.5 per cent per annum, the estimated requirements would remain the same. The same delegation commented that extrabudgetary contributions to assist continuing peace efforts in the Middle East should be over and above what was proposed in section 22B.

4. One delegation noted that no new activities or additional resources had been proposed under section 22B for the biennium 1994-1995. The delegation expressed the view that, as the situation regarding Palestine refugees had not yet yielded the expected results, this subprogramme may still need resources for a time to come.

Conclusions and recommendations

5. The Committee emphasized the importance of the activities of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

6. The Committee recommended approval by the General Assembly of the programme narrative of section 22B of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.